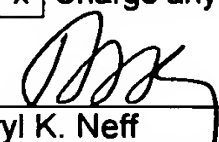

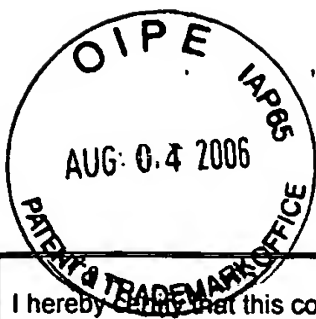




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Application No. 10/709,999	Filing Date 06/11/2004	Examiner Dung Anh Le	Art Unit 2818	
Applicant(s): Michael C. Gaidis et al.				
Invention: METHOD OF PATTERNING A MAGNETIC TUNNEL JUNCTION STACK FOR A MAGNETO-RESISTIVE RANDOM ACCESS MEMORY				
<b>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS</b>				
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 1, 2006, applicants submit the following amendments and remarks for the Examiner's consideration.

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